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Together, we can make a difference!

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.....GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

ON A SPECIAL NOTE, LAST NIGHT WE WELCOMED TO NEWARK AND ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH, THE REVEREND DOCTOR ALLAN BOESAK FROM CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, WHO GAVE AN INSPIRING MESSAGE ON THE EVILS OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA BEFORE A CAPACITY CROWD. NEWARK HAS A STRONG AND HIGHLY RESPECTED RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY OF WHICH WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF.

TO USHER IN 1989, WE ATTENDED THE NEW YEAR'S EVE, AND JANUARY 2ND PERFORMANCES OF THE OPERA ENTITLED "THE MAGIC FLUTE," WHICH IS A BEAUTIFUL STORY OF A PRINCE AND PRINCESS FALLING IN LOVE. OVER 5,600 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE TWO PERFORMANCES, HELD AT NEWARK SYMPHONY HALL, FOLLOWED BY AN EXCITING NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY CELEBRATED BY OVER 700 PEOPLE IN THE TERRACE ROOM.

AS WE LOOK BACK, 1988 WILL BE A YEAR THAT WE MOURNED THE LOSS OF A GREAT PUBLIC SERVANT FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, A FORMER FREEHOLDER, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE AND ESSEX COUNTY SURROGATE, EARL HARRIS. HE WAS A STRONG VOICE AND LEADER FOR A BETTER NEWARK, A BETTER COUNTY AND A BETTER STATE. WE WILL ALL MISS HIS LEADERSHIP, GUIDANCE, WINNING SMILE AND WARM PERSONALITY.

1988 WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED AS THE YEAR WE ELECTED DONALD PAYNE OF NEWARK AS NEW JERSEY'S FIRST BLACK CONGRESSMAN. A YEAR IN WHICH WE SALUTED CONGRESSMAN PETER RODINO FOR FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE. A YEAR THAT THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON ALMOST MADE IT TO THE WHITE HOUSE. A YEAR THAT GOVERNOR DUKAKIS FOUND WAYS TO LOSE TO GEORGE BUSH.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM BUSH IN THE WHITE HOUSE? THIS HAS BEEN ASKED OVER AND OVER AGAIN. MAYOR ANDY YOUNG OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA STATED, "DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. THEY HAVE TOO MANY PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN -- A 90 BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT. THERE JUST ISN'T ANY FEDERAL MONEY."

WITH NO MONEY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND GOVERNOR KEAN ANNOUNCING A 290 MILLION DOLLAR DROP IN ANTICIPATED REVENUE FOR NEW JERSEY, AND NO NEWS ON WHAT FUNDS WE WILL RECEIVE FROM THE STATE IN 1989, WHERE DOES NEWARK STAND TWO YEARS AND SIX MONTHS, SINCE I TOOK OFFICE ON JULY 1, 1986? WHERE ARE WE SINCE MY STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS IN JANUARY, 1988?

EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO I STOOD IN THIS VERY SAME ROOM. A ROOM WITH A LOT OF HISTORY INVOLVING THE GROWTH AND STRUGGLES OF NEWARK. THE PICTURES OF ALL 35 MAYORS WHO HAVE SERVED NEWARK SINCE ITS FOUNDING, GRACE THE WALLS OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CHAMBER.

IT WAS IN THIS ROOM THAT I TOLD YOU WE WOULD HAVE TO DO MORE WITH LESS. HERE IN NEWARK WE HAVE REDUCED OUR MUNICIPAL WORK FORCE TO UNDER 4,000 EMPLOYEES WITHOUT REDUCING CITY SERVICES. A CLEAR INDICATION THAT WE ARE DOING MORE WITH LESS. A SMALL BUT DEDICATED MUNICIPAL WORK FORCE.

IT WAS IN THIS ROOM THAT I TOLD YOU NEWARK WAS NOT COLLECTING MONIES IN A TIMELY OR EFFICIENT MANNER. PROPERTY TAX REVENUES WERE DOWN, WATER AND SEWER PAYMENTS WERE DOWN AND WE HAD MILLIONS OF DOLLARS DUE THE CITY IN OUTSTANDING PARKING VIOLATIONS. ONE YEAR LATER I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT MORE CITIZENS IN NEWARK ARE NOW PAYING THEIR BILLS IN A TIMELY FASHION, COMING IN TO CLEAR UP PARKING FINES AND ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT THE CITY OF NEWARK HAS TO BE RUN AS A BUSINESS.

RICHARD MONTEILH, OUR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, AND RONALD JEAN, OUR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, HAVE BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CITY TREASURY CAN MEET OUR DEBT OBLIGATIONS. WE WANT THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PAY ITS BILLS ON TIME AS WELL!

IN THE BUDGET THAT I PLAN TO PRESENT TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NEXT WEEK, I AM PROUD TO REPORT THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS LABORED MANY HOURS TO KEEP EXPENDITURES DOWN AND SERVICES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. WHILE WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THESE GOALS, AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDED FOR THE ADDITION OF 50 MORE OFFICERS TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, SPIRALLING GARBAGE COSTS AND A STATE-MANDATED 47 PERCENT INCREASE IN EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS HAVE FORCED OUR 1989 TAX RATE UP SLIGHTLY OVER LAST YEAR'S.

THE 1989 SPENDING PLAN ALSO WILL INCLUDE:

- . IMPROVED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND STAFFING;
- . INSTALLATION OF A COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM FOR OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHICH WILL ENHANCE AND MONITOR RESPONSE TIME.
- . THREE NEW KIOSKS AND MOBILIZATION OF EXISTING KIOSK.
- . AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, A CONTINUED CLEAN-UP PROGRAM IN RENDERING NEWARK SAFE, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE.

TONIGHT I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT NEWARK IS ON THE MOVE. A TRUE RENAISSANCE IS OCCURRING IN OUR CITY. SOMETHING EXCITING IS HAPPENING IN NEWARK.

NEWARK IS ON THE MOVE WHEN K. HOVNIANIAN, ONE OF NEW JERSEY'S AND AMERICA'S LEADING BUILDERS, DECIDES THAT NEWARK WILL BE HIS FIRST URBAN CITY TO BUILD QUALITY HOUSING AT AFFORDABLE PRICES; AND HOUSING THAT IS BRINGING WITH IT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHOPPING CENTERS AND MAJOR SUPERMARKETS.

NEWARK IS ON THE MOVE WHEN TEXAS AIR AND CONTINENTAL AIRLINES DECIDE TO OPEN THE SECOND LARGEST SINGLE AIRLINE TERMINAL IN THE WORLD - - TERMINAL C AT NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. FORTY ONE GATES IN TERMINAL C IN CONCERT WITH ATTRACTIVE RESTAURANTS, STORES AND A STATE OF THE ART PRESIDENTIAL CLUB. MORE SERVICES AND MORE FLIGHTS AT REDUCED PRICES. MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEWARK RESIDENTS AT THE FASTEST GROWING AIRPORT IN AMERICA.

NEWARK IS ON THE MOVE WHEN THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY DECIDES TO FINANCE ITS FIRST COMMERCIAL OFFICE TOWER, THE NEWARK LEGAL AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE HEART OF OUR DOWNTOWN AN HISTORICAL FIRST.

NEWARK IS ON THE MOVE WHEN RENOWNED TENNIS GREATS ARTHUR ASHE AND NICK BOLLETTIERI SELECT OUR CITY FOR THE FIRST URBAN TENNIS PROGRAM IN AMERICA. 502 NEWARK YOUNGSTERS RECEIVING THE BEST TENNIS INSTRUCTIONS IN AMERICA. A PROGRAM JOINTLY SUPPORTED BY THE CITY, COUNTY AND THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS OF NEWARK. WE ALSO SALUTE DR. A. ZACHARY YAMBA, THE PRESIDENT OF ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE, FOR ALLOWING SUPPORTERS OF THIS PROGRAM TO BUILD AN INDOOR TENNIS FACILITY ON THE COLLEGE'S NEWARK CAMPUS FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CITY AND COUNTY. THANK YOU DR. YAMBA.

YES, NEWARK IS ON THE MOVE, AND WITH THE HELP OF THE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMAN WHO SERVE ON THE NEWARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, WE HAVE KEPT OUR PROMISES MADE IN JANUARY 1988. OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS REQUIRES ONGOING COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR. COOPERATION NOT CONFRONTATION.

IN 1988, WE TALKED ABOUT A NEW WELFARE BUILDING. TODAY, AT THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND WILLIAM STREETS, A NEW 2.9 MILLION DOLLAR WELFARE BUILDING TO BETTER SERVE THOSE IN NEED IS NEARING COMPLETION.

THE SCRIPTURES STATE, THAT "WHAT YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MY PEOPLE, YOU DO FOR ME." WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING THOSE IN NEED IN A QUALITY FACILITY AND WITH SENSITIVITY AND RESPECT.

THE CITY WILL ALSO REHABILITATE AN ABANDONED BUILDING AND NEW COMMUNITY CORPORATION WILL BUILD A NEW TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY, "HARMONY HOUSE," FOR THE HOMELESS IN 1989. WE SALUTE FATHER LINDER AND THE NEW COMMUNITY CORPORATION FOR TAKING THE LEAD IN PROVIDING A QUALITY FACILITY FOR THE HOMELESS.

WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND WHILE CALLING FOR MORE FEDERAL DOLLARS, WE WILL NOT TURN OUR BACKS ON THE LESS FORTUNATE OR THOSE WHO COULD BE US TOMORROW. THE RECENT SENSELESS AND TRAGIC MURDER OF A YOUNG DOCTOR IN NEW YORK CITY, IS CLEAR EVIDENCE, THAT WE CANNOT SIMPLY ALLOW THE HOMELESS POPULATION TO WALK AND SLEEP IN OUR STREETS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, WITHOUT TRYING TO IDENTIFY SOME TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT SHELTER, SOME COUNSELING AND MUCH-NEEDED HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THEM.

FOR THESE REASONS I SALUTE OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. MR. AL WICKENS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, MR. GUSTAV HENINGBURG AND OTHERS WHO HELD A FUND RAISER LAST WEEK FOR THE HOMELESS, BY ROASTING YOURS TRULY. A ROAST IS WHERE THEY TALK BAD ABOUT YOU. THE CHALLENGE WAS TO SAY SOMETHING "BAD" ABOUT MAYOR SHARPE JAMES.

AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THE ROASTERS ENTHUSIASTICALLY VOLUNTEERED TO DO IT. LIKE MY FORMER FRIEND, COUNCIL PRESIDENT HENRY MARTINEZ, WHO SHOWED UP IN A FULL LENGTH OVERCOAT WITH HIS COLLAR UP AND CHARGED THAT THE JAMES ADMINISTRATION WAS DELIBERATELY DENYING HEAT TO THE THIRD FLOOR AND FREEZING THE COUNCIL, WHILE MY OFFICE WAS BEING OVERHEATED WITH 70 TO 80 DEGREES TEMPERATURE.

OR LIKE MY FORMER FRIEND, ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE, NICK AMATO, WHO STATED THAT MAYOR JAMES WAS A GREAT GUY, A MAN WHO COULD GIVE YOU THE SLEEVES OFF HIS VEST. OR LIKE MY FORMER FRIEND, BILL BROOKS OF PRUDENTIAL, WHO AFFECTIONATELY STATED THAT THE MAYOR'S IQ WAS SO LOW THAT IT COULD NOT BE MEASURED. NICE THINGS LIKE THAT WENT ON ALL NIGHT. AND I CAN'T WAIT TO ROAST HANK, NICK AND BILL.

IN 1988 WE PROMISED MORE RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL CITIZENS. OUR CULTURAL PROGRAMS UNDER MS. CELESTE BATEMAN HAVE EXPERIENCED NOTHING BUT SUCCESS WITH A LIMITED BUDGET. THE NEWARK FESTIVAL OF PEOPLE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, WE WITNESS EXCITING WEEKLY JAZZ PROGRAMS, DANCE PROGRAMS AND OUR CURRENT PLANNED SALUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IS SECOND TO NONE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL PICK UP A BROCHURE AND ATTEND ONE OF OUR CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN 89.

THIS MONTH WE WILL OPEN UP FOR THE FIRST TIME, A NEW MULTIPURPOSE RECREATIONAL FACILITY IN THE JFK COMPLEX. WE ARE PLANNING AN OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND OF ROLLER SKATING, PHYSICAL FITNESS CLASSES, AEROBIC EXERCISES AND SWIMMING. EVERYONE IS INVITED. I HAVE ISSUED A PERSONAL CHALLENGE TO EVERY DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR A 50 METER FITNESS RACE IN OUR OLYMPIC-SIZE POOL. RIGHT HERE IN THE CITY OF NEWARK IN JFK WE HAVE ONE OF THE FINEST INDOOR FACILITIES IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS BEEN UNDERUTILIZED. THIS WE MUST CHANGE.

WE WILL ALSO OPEN A BRAND NEW ROTUNDA SWIMMING POOL IN THE NORTH WARD THIS SUMMER.

IN MARCH OF 1989 WE WILL START CONSTRUCTION OF A 6-PLEX MOVIE THEATER IN THE HEART OF THE CENTRAL WARD. NOT DOWNTOWN BUT UPTOWN. NOT AT BROAD AND MARKET STREETS BUT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE GREATEST NEED EXISTS. WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

OUR GOAL IS TO GET OUR CHILDREN OFF THE STREETS AND INTO RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN PROMOTING WORTHY USE OF LEISURE TIME. IN SAYING NO TO DRUGS. IN SAYING NO TO CAR THEFTS. IN SAYING NO TO GRAFFITI. WE CANNOT EXPECT OUR CHILDREN TO JUST SAY NO TO DRUGS AND GO WORK FOR MINIMUM WAGES AT McDONALD'S OR BURGER KING. WE MUST OFFER THEM POSITIVE OUTLETS.

AND, IN 1989, THE RECENTLY REINSTATED SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION WILL INTRODUCE AN EXTENSIVE ARRAY OF PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR OUR GOLDEN AGERS. THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO THIS CITY AND THIS NATION, REMAIN A VITAL AND IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE COMMISSION GIVES SENIORS AN ESSENTIAL VOICE AT CITY HALL AND PROVIDES A MAJOR LINK BETWEEN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND OUR ELDERLY. I SALUTE THE MEMBERS OF THE NEWARK SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION.

ALSO, IN 1989, THE MUCH TALKED ABOUT FIRE HOUSE WILL BE BUILT ON CLINTON AVENUE. WE WANT TO IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND AND FIGHT FIRES. WE WANT TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF LIVES.

A YEAR AGO, WE TALKED ABOUT THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE GARBAGE CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY THE CLOSING OF LANDFILLS AND THE OPENING OF TWO TRANSFER STATIONS IN NEWARK. WE TALKED ABOUT THE COST OF GARBAGE RISING FROM \$5 MILLION PER YEAR TO THE UNHEARD OF COST OF \$30 MILLION DOLLARS OR OVER \$60,000 PER DAY TO DISPOSE OF OUR GARBAGE.

WE TALKED ABOUT NO ONE WANTING THE GARBAGE IN THEIR TOWN. WE TALKED ABOUT ALL THE GARBAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY COMING TO NEWARK. WE TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE, NICK AMATO, AND THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS TO ADEQUATELY COMPENSATE THE CITY OF NEWARK, AND WE ASKED FOR A \$4 PER TON HOST BENEFIT AGREEMENT.

ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT PRESENTLY RECEIVING \$4 PER TON, WE ARE NOW VERY CLOSE TO THAT GOAL. I MUST PUBLICLY STATE THAT TRUE AND MEANINGFUL LINES OF COMMUNICATION HAVE OPENED UP BETWEEN THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, NICK AMATO, AND MYSELF; BETWEEN RICHARD MONTEILH, THE CITY'S BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, AND MR. CARDELL COOPER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

NICK AND I INHERITED A PROBLEM WHICH CERTAINLY WAS NOT OF OUR CHOOSING. WHEN IT IS ALL OVER, I BELIEVE THAT ESSEX COUNTY AND THE CITY OF NEWARK WILL LEAD THE NATION IN INNOVATIVE WAYS OF MOVING FROM CLOSED LANDFILLS TO TRANSFER STATIONS, TO THE ONLY ULTIMATE SOLUTION, A RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY. HOPEFULLY, IF ALL GOES WELL, THIS PROBLEM WILL BE BEHIND US IN 1990. IN FACT, WE MIGHT BECOME THE MODEL FOR THE NATION.

I HAVE AN ARTICLE IN MY HAND FROM THE LEADING PAPER IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. THE FRONT PAGE STORY IS THAT THE CITY IS UNABLE TO FACE THE GARBAGE CRISIS, UNABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS. I WOULD JOIN WITH COUNTY EXECUTIVE NICK AMATO IN INVITING MAYOR HAZOURI OF JACKSONVILLE TO VISIT ESSEX COUNTY AND THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR A LOOK INTO THE PROBLEMS AND SOLUTION TO THE GARBAGE CRISIS, NOT EASY BY ANY STANDARDS. BUT AT LEAST HERE IN NEWARK AND ESSEX COUNTY WE HAVE MADE THE HARD DECISIONS, THE NO WIN DECISIONS. YET, DECISIONS THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR CHILDREN, THEIR CHILDREN AND CHILDREN YET UNBORN. THE RIGHT FOR A QUALITY ENVIRONMENT.

JUST WEST OF THE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY WE ARE WITNESSING TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC GROWTH IN OUR CITY. A NEW RADISSON SUITES HOTEL WHICH OPENED ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK, A NEW MARRIOTT COURTYARD HOTEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, A PROPOSED NEW HYATT AND EMBASSY SUITES HOTELS. FOUR NEW HOTELS UNDER THE JAMES ADMINISTRATION, AND MORE TO COME.

AT OUR GATEWAY CENTER YOU SEE THE LEGAL AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER GOING UP, A PROPOSED TWENTY-TWO STORY OFFICE BUILDING NEXT DOOR. ACROSS THE STREET CONSTRUCTION WILL SOON START ON A NEW SETON HALL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND A NEW GATEWAY FIVE COMPLEX WITH A 700-CAR PARKING GARAGE. WE ARE MOST HAPPY THAT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL DECIDED TO REMAIN IN NEWARK.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WE WITNESS A NEW COMMUNITY CORPORATION SHOPPING CENTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT BERGEN STREET AND SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE. IN THE WEST WARD SAM ALLEN HAS COMPLETED HIS MINI MALL ON SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE. CECIL SANDERS WILL DEVELOP THE BRUCE STREET SCHOOL SITE AND WIL ALLEN WILL INTRODUCE A MIXED-USED HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL PROJECT ALONG BERGEN STREET ACROSS FROM THE UMDNJ.

IN THE SOUTH WARD JOE AND ROBBY MORRIS WILL BUILD THAT WARD'S FIRST INDUSTRIAL PARK CREATING OVER 1,000 JOBS, TURNING VACANT LOTS INTO THRIVING BUSINESSES AND GENERATING TAX DOLLARS.

IN THE NORTH AND EAST WARDS HOUSING CONSTRUCTION WILL CONTINUE AT A RECORD PACE. I BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNOR THOMAS KEAN'S PLAN AS INDICATED IN HIS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS TO CUT CONSTRUCTION COSTS BY 30% IN NEW JERSEY WILL TRIGGER MORE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN OUR URBAN CITIES. MORE LOW INCOME HOUSING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NEWARK COALITION FOR LOW ENCOME HOUSING WILL BE POSSIBLE. WE SALUTE GOVERNOR KEAN FOR THIS HISTORIC DECISION TO ENCOURAGE MORE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE CENTRAL WARD, K. HOVNANIAN IS NEARING COMPLETION OF PHASE ONE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS' SOCIETY HILL, WITH 168 UNITS OF HOUSING, AND WE WILL FULLY COOPERATE IN PROVIDING HIM WITH ENOUGH LAND TO CONTINUE HIS FIRST URBAN CITY QUALITY HOUSING PROGRAM AT AFFORDABLE PRICES. NEWARK IS ON THE MOVE!

IN MARCH OF 1989 WE ALSO WILL MAKE HISTORY BY HAVING THE CITY OF NEWARK BUILD 50 ATTRACTIVE HOMES. THREE BEDROOMS, LIVING AND DINING ROOMS, KITCHEN AND A TWO CAR GARAGE. ALL FOR THE UNHEARD OF PRICE OF ABOUT \$60,000!

THIS IS PART OF OUR PHILOSOPHY THAT WE HAVE TO DO MORE WITH LESS. PART OF OUR PHILOSOPHY THAT THE ANSWER TO MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS IS NO LONGER IN THE WHITE HOUSE OR STATE HOUSE, BUT RIGHT HERE IN NEWARK. YOU IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT REPRESENT THE FUTURE OF NEWARK.

I, THEREFORE, WISH TO SALUTE THE NEWARK COLLABORATION GROUP FOR CONTINUING TO CREATE A POSITIVE FORUM FOR BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO MEET AND WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR CITY. THE COLLABORATION GROUP HAS FORGED A VERY NECESSARY PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SINGULAR PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEWARK. FOR WE CAN MAKE OUR CITY BETTER AND WE CAN LIVE BETTER.

IN 1989 WE WILL DEMAND THAT STORE-OWNERS AND HOMEOWNERS KEEP THEIR PROPERTIES FREE OF LITTER AND DEBRIS.

THE CITY'S SANITATION DIVISION, LOT CLEAN-UP PROGRAM AND OUR MINIMUM SECURITY PRISONERS (WORKING INMATE NETWORK OR WIN) DESERVE NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR THE NUMBER OF VACANT LOTS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND ABANDONED BUILDINGS CLEANED IN 1988. WE CLEANED, GREENED FENCED POLED AND BEAUTIFIED VACANT LOTS. THEY WERE SUPER!

BUT ALL TOO OFTEN, WE WOULD CLEAN ONE DAY AND MISGUIDED INDIVIDUALS WOULD DIRTY THE NEXT DAY. WE CANNOT WIN THIS CRITICAL WAR WITHOUT YOUR HELP. WHY SHOULD YOU CARE, YOU MIGHT ASK? WELL, THE WORST IMAGE FOR ANY CITY IS TO BE DIRTY. IT'S WRONG FOR THE YOUNG OR OLD TO LITTER. IT'S WRONG FOR THE YOUNG OR OLD TO THROW MCDONALDS OR BURGER-KING, OR OTHER DEBRIS OUT OF YOUR CAR WINDOW. IT'S WRONG FOR THE YOUNG OR OLD TO THROW GARBAGE OUT OF THE WINDOW OF YOUR APARTMENT. IT'S WRONG TO LIVE IN FILTH. BUT THE CITY OF NEWARK CANNOT CLEAN ALL THE TIME FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. FORTUNATELY, MOST CITIZENS TAKE PRIDE IN MAINTAINING AND BEAUTIFYING THEIR PROPERTY; AND WE SALUTE THEM. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?

WE NEED YOUR HELP AS A WATCHDOG TO WARN OTHERS AND ESPECIALLY THE STORES THAT YOU SHOP IN TO KEEP NEWARK CLEAN. WHY SHOULD YOU WALK OVER GARBAGE TO GO INSIDE OF A STORE TO MAKE A PURCHASE AND TO GIVE THEM MONEY, WHEN YOU SHOULD BE DEMANDING THAT THEY KEEP THEIR PROPERTY CLEAN AND FREE OF LITTER AND DEBRIS? YOU SHOULD BE DEMANDING THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE NEW CITY ORDINANCE SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN RONALD RICE CALLING FOR THE SWEEPING OF THEIR SIDEWALK AT LEAST THREE TIMES A DAY.

WE TOO MUST DEMAND THAT OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN WRITE AND DRAW IN THEIR SCHOOL NOTEBOOKS AND ON SCHOOL BLACKBOARDS, BUT NOT ON OUR WALLS AND STATUES. NOT ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

WE NEED TO STOP THIS NONSENSE OF MAKING OUR CITY LOOK LIKE GARBAGE, LIKE NOBODY CARES, OR LIKE NOBODY LIVES HERE. IT'S NOT ART. IT'S NOT CLEVER. IT'S A LACK OF SELF RESPECT. IT'S DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY. INDIVIDUALS CAUGHT DEFACING PROPERTY SHOULD BE MADE TO CLEAN UP THAT PROPERTY. AND IF THEY CRY THEY ARE TOO YOUNG TO DO SO, THEN THEIR PARENTS SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP FOR THEM. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

PARENTS, TEACHERS, THE CLERGY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BY EXAMPLE, MUST INSTRUCT OUR CHILDREN TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

I SAID IT IN 1987, IN 1988 AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN IN 1989: KEEPING NEWARK CLEAN IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

A CITY IS MORE THAN MORTAR AND BRICKS. A CITY MUST PRODUCE A FUTURE WORK FORCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. A CITY MUST OFFER A QUALITY EDUCATION. OUR CHILDREN MUST BE ABLE TO THINK, READ, WRITE, SOLVE PROBLEMS AND HAVE SOUND MORAL VALUES.

HERE IN NEWARK, WE ARE PROUD OF THE BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUBS OF NEWARK'S READY SCHOLARS PROGRAM. I AM GLAD TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE TO START THIS HIGHLY INNOVATIVE PROGRAM. OVER A HUNDRED SEVENTH GRADERS ARE GUARANTEED A FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION IF THEY STAY IN SCHOOL AND LEARN. ATTEND THE COLLEGE OF THEIR CHOICE "FREE." I NEVER HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY. I DID MAINTENANCE WORK AT COLLEGE TO PAY MY TUITION. BUT MOST OF OUR SCHOOL

CHILDREN ARE NOT PART OF THE READY SCHOLARS PROGRAMS, NOR DO THEY ATTEND SCIENCE HIGH, UNIVERSITY HIGH OR ARTS HIGH SCHOOL. WE MUST MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM BASED ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND THIS IS WHERE IMPROVEMENT IS NEEDED.

TONIGHT I STILL CALL FOR AN APPOINTED BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE MAYOR IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE FISCAL STABILITY OF OUR CITY. YET THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET, ONCE ONLY A FRACTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET HAS CAUGHT UP WITH AND SURPASSED THE ENTIRE MUNICIPAL SPENDING PLAN. LAST YEAR, OUR MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS \$292 MILLION, WHILE THE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR APPROXIMATELY 50,000 STUDENTS WAS \$365 MILLION! AND, THIS YEAR, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS ANTICIPATING A 10 PERCENT INCREASE. JUST THINK, WE ARE PAYING ALMOST \$8,000 PER PUPIL, OR THE SAME AS PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION, BUT THE RESULTS ARE HARDLY THE SAME.

I BELIEVE THAT I AM THE ONLY ELECTED OFFICIAL WHO HAS CHILDREN IN THE NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. WHEN THE APPOINTED BOARD FAILED, I HAD THE COURAGE TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO CHOOSE TO GO TO AN ELECTED BOARD BY REFERENDUM. NOW THAT THE ELECTED BOARD IS FAILING I SHALL EXHIBIT THE SAME COURAGE IN CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM FOR THE PUBLIC TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD RETURN TO AN APPOINTED BOARD OF EDUCATION. I AM EVEN WILLING FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO SHARE IN THE APPOINTING PROCESS BUT WE SIMPLY CANNOT GIVE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AWAY TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS.

THOSE WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT WHO GET WHAT BIG PAYING JOBS, CONSULTANT CONTRACTS, VENDOR CONTRACTS, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND INSURANCE CONTRACTS, AND DON'T CARE WHETHER OR NOT OUR CHILDREN LEARN...IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

FINALLY, I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT IN PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE GROWTH THERE ARE TWO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE THE LARGEST ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE CITY. BOTH HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY BACKROOM POLITICS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS.

THE FIRST IS THE PLANNED \$200 MILLION STATE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER; THE SECOND IS A MUCH-NEEDED RAIL LINK CONNECTING DOWNTOWN NEWARK TO NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE CITY OF ELIZABETH.

WE FEEL THAT THERE HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH STUDY AND TOO MUCH DEBATE IN BRINGING THESE TWO MOST NEEDED PROJECTS INTO REALITY. AFTER ALL, THERE WAS:

NO DEBATE FOR BUILDING A JAIL IN NEWARK;

NO DEBATE FOR OPENING THE FIRST PEDIATRIC DAYCARE
CENTER FOR BABIES AFFLICTED WITH AIDS;

NO DEBATE FOR OPENING THE FIRST TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
FOR THE HOMELESS;

NO DEBATE ON OPENING TWO COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS AND
BRINGING ALL THE GARBAGE TO NEWARK;

NO DEBATE FOR OPENING THE OLD MARTLAND MEDICAL CENTER

AS A SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS;
NO DEBATE FOR WANTING TO CONVERT THE OLD CRIPPLED
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INTO AN AIDS CLINIC; AND
NO DEBATE FOR OPENING SEVERAL DRUG REHABILITATION
CENTERS IN NEWARK.

WHY THEN, I ASK, SHOULD WE CONTINUE DEBATING ON BRINGING TWO
POSITIVE VENTURES TO THE CITY OF NEWARK WHICH WOULD TRIGGER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MAKE OUR CITY MORE VIABLE AND ATTRACTIVE
TO EVERYONE?

IN ORDER FOR URBAN CITIES TO SURVIVE, THEY MUST MAINTAIN A RACIAL
AND ECONOMIC MIX. URBAN CITIES NEED MORE THAN JAILS, HALF-WAY
HOUSES, DRUG CLINICS AND AIDS HOSPITALS. URBAN CITIES MUST
BE COMPLETE COMMUNITIES AND NOT JUST RESERVATIONS FOR THE POOR
AND FORGOTTEN.

NEWARK AS THE KEY CITY IN THE REGION MUST HOUSE CULTURAL
FACILITIES AND OFFER A QUALITY MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; OR,
FACE A FUTURE THAT IS LIMITED AND DOUBTFUL.

WITH YOUR CONTINUED HELP, NEWARK IS ON THE MOVE; WELL ON ITS
WAY TO FULL RECOVERY, AND TO BRIGHTER TOMORROWS -- BRIGHTER
THAN ANY OF OUR YESTERDAYS. WITH YOUR HELP, NEWARK CAN ONCE
AGAIN CLAIM ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE AS NOT ONLY THE BIGGEST CITY
IN NEW JERSEY, BUT ALSO THE BEST CITY BY FAR.

CAN WE WIN.....WELL, I TURNED TO THE WORDS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ISAIAH?

"I HAVE A DREAM THAT ONE DAY EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE EXALTED, EVERY HILL AND MOUNTAIN SHALL BE MADE LOW, THE ROUGH PLACES WILL BE MADE PLAIN, AND THE CROOKED PLACES WILL BE MADE STRAIGHT, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE IT TOGETHER." (ISAIAH 40:4-5)

THANK YOU.

GOD BLESS YOU.